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In re Application of

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For: ABSORBENT STRUCTURE HAVING IMPROVED ABSORPTION PROPERTIES

CORRECTION ON

DECISION ON

PETITION UNDER

37 CFR 1.137(b)

This response is to correct the decision mailed on 08 March 2002. This decision inadvertently treated the "Petition to Revive Unintentionally Abandoned Application Under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b)" as a request to revive international application PCT/SE99/00627 for the purpose of entering the U.S. national stage rather than than for the purpose of copendency with the accompanying 35 USC 111(a) application submission.

Applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) filed 31 October 2001 to revive international application PCT/SE99/00627 abandoned under 35 U.S.C. 371(d) is hereby **GRANTED** as follows:

International application PCT/SE99/00627 became abandoned as to the United States of America at midnight on 30 October 2000 for failure to pay the basic national fee. The filing of the present continuing application under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) is accepted as the appropriate response under 37 CFR 1.137(b) (See MPEP § 711.03(c)). The statement, "the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional" complies with 37 CFR 1.137(b).

International application PCT/SE99/00627 is being revived for purposes of continuity only and since continuity has been established by this decision reviving the international application, the international application is again abandoned in favor of the present continuing application number 09/699,451.

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Therefore, the decision mailed on 08 March 2002 was in error and is hereby **VACATED**.

This application is being forward to Office Initial Patent Examination(OIPE) for continued processing.

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